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***FEALAC Ministers' statement on the situation in Haiti***

**We, the Foreign Ministers of FEALAC member states, express our deepest sorrow for the tragic loss of lives and suffering of the Haitian people and others residing in Haiti caused by destructive earthquake that struck Haiti on 12 January 2010. We reaffirm our solidarity with the government and people of Haiti and the families of the victims. We also convey our deepest sympathy to the United Nations and to all countries participating in the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) for the tragic demise of their team members and for the destruction of MINUSTAH's UN headquarters. We call for continued efforts to rescue the victims and support the reconstruction of Haiti.**





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DECISION on  
The Bi-Regional Center for the Development of Small and Medium Enterprises  
(draft)

The Ministers of State and other Heads of Delegation in the Fourth Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in Tokyo,

Recognizing the importance of improving the capacities of SMEs as a concrete means for the creation of jobs and the reduction of poverty,

Expressing the intent of reinforcing the regional development of micro, small and medium enterprises,

DECIDE:

To request the Working Group on Economy and Society to conclude in the next annual meeting the revision of the feasibility project for the establishment of the Bi-Regional Center for the Development of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), document VI/ESWG/ECU/2008/07, which encompasses the following elements:

A network of financial and commercial information regarding business organizations, which will be devised by interested countries with the aim of monitoring, identifying and disseminating investment and commercial opportunities in both regions

A data bank that will allow the dissemination of opportunities for SMEs operating in different member countries, especially related to academic research activities or business experiences

Use of information regarding experience and best practices for SME training,



especially regarding the development of exporting skills

### Operational Structure

Likewise, the Senior Officials express their wish that the Working Group on Economy and Society will make recommendations to the SOM in order to be submitted to the coming Ministerial Meeting.





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Inspired by the spirit of friendship prevailing in the relationships between the two regions;

Considering the strengthening of cooperation ties between Latin America and East Asia;

Motivated by the wish to promote greater rapprochement between the respective peoples in the area of tourism;

Convinced that tourism is an excellent instrument to promote not only economic development but also understanding, goodwill and the rapprochement of their people;

Bearing in mind the decision on Tourism of the Third Ministerial Meeting of the Forum for East Asia-Latin America cooperation (FEALAC), which set up the Sub-Group of Tourism.

DECIDE:

the modalities and responsibilities as follows:

I. MODALITIES OF THE SUB-GROUP OF TOURISM OF FEALAC

Sub-group meetings will be open to all FEALAC member countries.

The coordination of the Sub-Group will be shared by the co-chairs of the FEALAC Working Group on Economy and Society.



The coordinators of the Sub-Group will prepare the provisional agenda of the Meeting and will circulate it among its members.

The Sub-Group will meet in conjunction with the Economy and Society Working Group on meetings at the same venue.

The coordinators of the Sub-Group will be responsible for:

- The elaboration of the reports on the Sub-Group activities;
- The submission of its recommendations to the FEALAC Working Group on Economy and Society;

The report of the Sub-Group meeting, along with its recommendations will be approved by consensus.

The recommendations adopted by the Sub-Group will be submitted to the Economy and Society Working Group on for its considerations.

## II. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Promote bringing together national tourism sectors to examine the measures and mechanisms aimed at increasing tourist flows between the two regions;
2. Foster the adoption of regional cooperation measures and mechanisms, aimed at creating opportunities for the exchange of successful experiences for the mutual development of, and access to, markets of member countries;
3. Coordinate common positions in international organizations and at conferences and fora dealing with tourism;
4. Give incentives to environmental preservation and share successful experiences on sustainable tourism management policies, plans and processes, especially in view of the importance of the issue of climate change;
5. Promote the exchange of experiences in alleviation of poverty by creating jobs in the tourism sector, contributing to achievement of the United Nations



Millennium Development Goals;

6. Foster the exchange of knowledge to examine measures and mechanisms aimed at promoting cultural heritage preservation;
7. Promote the discussion and exchange of information about rates and investments, as well as the incentives that each country offers to foreign investors;
8. Promote cooperation between analysts, consultants and experts from both regions, for the purpose of boosting the level of specialization and professionalism of the persons involved in promoting and developing tourism
9. Encourage students and instructors of tourism to take advantage of scholarship opportunities offered by schools, universities and training centers of the other member countries.”